

IN THE CLAIMS

This is a complete and current listing of the claims, marked with status identifiers in parentheses. The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~power breaker power circuit breaker,~~ comprising:

~~_____ having a withdrawable-part rack, which can be~~
~~arranged in a switchgear assembly; and having~~
~~_____ a latching device, adapted to for the purpose of latching~~
~~the power breaker power circuit breaker in the withdrawable-~~
~~part rack in a latched position, it being possible for the~~
~~latching device being to be actuated by a drive~~
~~arrangement, in particular by a switching shaft of the power~~
~~breaker, characterized in that the latching device (18)~~
~~comprises and including~~ two latching bolts, which can be
~~displaced essentially axially in opposing directions of~~
~~action and which can be brought~~ capable of being brought into
interlocking connection with the withdrawable-part rack.

2. (Currently Amended) The ~~power breaker power circuit breaker~~ as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein
the latching device ~~(18) includes~~ comprises at least one
actuating element ~~(20), which is connected to the~~ a switching

shaft of the power circuit breaker such that it is fixed against rotation, ~~and by means of which~~for bringing the latching device (18) ~~can be brought into~~ at least one of the latched position ~~or into~~and the unlatched position.

3. (Currently Amended) The ~~power breaker~~ power circuit breaker as claimed in claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the actuating element (20) ~~is~~includes at least one of a gear ~~or~~and a gear segment (26) which meshes with a toothed rod section (28) of the latching bolts (22, 22').

4. (Currently Amended) The ~~power breaker~~ power circuit breaker as claimed in claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the actuating element (20) ~~is~~includes a crank arrangement (36), ~~which is~~ in engagement with a link guide (38) of the latching bolts (22, 22').

5. (Currently Amended) The ~~power breaker~~ power circuit breaker as claimed in claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the actuating element (20) is connected to the latching bolt (22, 22') via at least one of open and ~~or~~ closed cam disks.

6. (Currently Amended) The ~~power breaker~~ power circuit breaker as claimed in claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the actuating element (20) is connected to the latching bolts

~~(22, 22')~~ by means of at least one of a cable pull and, a
Bowden cable ~~or the like.~~

7. (Currently Amended) The ~~power breaker~~ power circuit breaker as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims,~~
~~characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the latched position of the latching device ~~(18)~~ is reached before primary arcing contact of the ~~power breaker~~ power circuit breaker (10) is effective.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (New) The power circuit breaker as claimed in claim 1, wherein the latching device is actuatable by a switching shaft of the power circuit breaker.

10. (New) The power circuit breaker as claimed in claim 9, wherein the latching device includes at least one actuating element, connected to the switching shaft so as to be fixed against rotation, for bringing the latching device into at least one of the latched position and the unlatched position.

11. (New) The power circuit breaker as claimed in claim 2, wherein the latched position of the latching device is

reached before primary arcing contact of the power circuit breaker is effective.

12. (New) The power circuit breaker as claimed in claim 3, wherein the latched position of the latching device is reached before primary arcing contact of the power circuit breaker is effective.

13. (New) The power circuit breaker as claimed in claim 4, wherein the latched position of the latching device is reached before primary arcing contact of the power circuit breaker is effective.

14. (New) The power circuit breaker as claimed in claim 5, wherein the latched position of the latching device is reached before primary arcing contact of the power circuit breaker is effective.

15. (New) The power circuit breaker as claimed in claim 6, wherein the latched position of the latching device is reached before primary arcing contact of the power circuit breaker is effective.

16. (New) A power circuit breaker, comprising:
a withdrawable-part rack, arrangable in a switchgear

assembly; and

latching means for latching the power circuit breaker in the withdrawable-part rack in a latched position, the latching means including two latching bolts, displaceable essentially axially in opposing directions of action and capable of being brought into interlocking connection with the withdrawable-part rack.

17. (New) The power circuit breaker as claimed in claim 16, wherein the latching means includes at least one actuating means, connected to a switching shaft of the power circuit breaker such that it is fixed against rotation, for bringing the latching means into at least one of the latched position and the unlatched position.

18. (New) The power circuit breaker as claimed in claim 17, wherein the actuating means includes at least one of a gear and a gear segment which meshes with a toothed rod section of the latching bolts.

19. (New) The power circuit breaker as claimed in claim 17, wherein the actuating means includes a crank arrangement, in engagement with a link guide of the latching bolts.

20. (New) The power circuit breaker as claimed in claim 17, wherein the actuating means is connected to the latching bolt via at least one of open and closed cam disks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are now present in this application, with new claims 9-20 being added by the present Preliminary Amendment. Claim 8 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. It should be noted that the amendments to original claims 1-7 of the present application are non-narrowing amendments, made solely to place the claims in proper form for U.S. practice and not to overcome any prior art or for any other statutory considerations. For example, amendments have been made to broaden the claims; remove reference numerals in the claims; remove/change any phrases unique to European practice; remove multiple dependencies in the claims; and to place claims in a more recognizable U.S. form, including the use of the transitional phrase "comprising" as well as the phrase "wherein". Other such non-narrowing amendments include placing apparatus-type claims (setting forth elements in separate paragraphs) in a more recognizable U.S. form. Again, all amendments are non-narrowing and have been made solely to place the claims in proper form for U.S. practice and not to overcome any prior art or for any other statutory considerations.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, an early indication of the allowability of each of claims 1-20 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Donald J. Daley at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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